

has created a National Training Institute where community leaders can learn how to launch similar programs in their own neighborhoods.

A native of Houston, Texas, Darrell Green had an illustrious career with the Washington Redskins. He was a seven-time All-Pro defensive back, played in three Super Bowls and retired in 2002 after a heralded 20-year career. A top draft choice out of Texas A&I University, Darrell understood the power of an education, going back to school to complete his undergraduate degree which he earned in 1998 from St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia. In 1999, Marymount University recognized Green for his extraordinary humanitarian work and conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters.

Mr. Green has been breaking ground his entire life. At an early age he faced some very challenging circumstances. But, with the support of his high school coach and faith community, Darrell was able to overcome those obstacles, rising to become a celebrated pro athlete. This personal experience is what prompted him to create the foundation, so that at-risk young people can receive the support they also need to succeed.

I am delighted to be presenting the prestigious CARE award to Darrell Green, an outstanding community leader who has worked tirelessly to enhance the lives of young people. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Darrell on this award and for his ongoing commitment to improving the lives of others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, last week I regrettably missed a number of votes to attend to a family emergency. Had I been present for these votes, I would have voted as indicated below.

On Roll #213, the Matheson of Utah Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #214, the Capito of West Virginia Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #215, the Foster of Illinois Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #216, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "no."

On Roll #217, final passage of H.R. 5819, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #218, on Ordering the Previous Question, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #219, on agreeing to H. Res. 1126, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #220, the Poe of Texas Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #221, the McNerney of California Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #222, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "no."

On Roll #223, final passage of H.R. 2830, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING NATIONAL MINORITY CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks to recognize National Minority Cancer Awareness Week.

Cancer continues to devastate American families throughout the United States. The Congressional District I represent lies in the Cancer belt of California, with increase in the number of cases diagnosed every day. Minorities in my area continue to be significantly impacted and every day are faced with the question of what to do and how to pay for costly treatments.

National Minority Cancer Awareness Week is recognized on the third week of April to raise awareness of the alarming incidence and effects cancer has amongst the minorities. This awareness contributes to much needed outreach education to those most affected.

High cancer rates among minorities are a widely known fact, and sadly due in large part to the health disparities in access to high quality prevention, early detection and treatment services.

In Congress, I have continued my efforts in combating Breast Cancer by partnering with Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN in reauthorizing the Breast Cancer Research Stamp for another two years. Without research we are all in the dark. Thanks to this stamp, research for breast cancer has increased by over \$50 million.

Increasing awareness is vital at a time when we are facing cuts in Medicaid funding to States, and a shortage of funding to important programs like S-CHIP and WIC. Families need to realize that cancer does strike disproportionately in the minority community.

Sadly, many patients find out about a cancer diagnosis after it is too late. This is especially tragic when we know that only about 5 percent of all cancers are strongly hereditary, most cancers result in damage (mutation) to genes that occur during one's lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society.

African Americans have the highest death rate for all cancers than any other group. In fact, African American men are twice as likely to die from prostate cancer as white men. The American Cancer Society also reports that an estimated 152,000 African Americans will be diagnosed and more than 62,000 African Americans will die from cancer this year.

For Hispanics in the United States, the data is just as alarming. Cancer is the second leading cause of death for Hispanics in the United States. Moreover, cancer rates are higher for Hispanics for the cancers of the stomach, liver, cervix, and gallbladder.

These are alarming statistics that are only a reflection of the devastating effects of cancer in our minority communities. Cancer touches the lives of not just only the patients, but the family as well.

American families are the backbone of our society, it is essential that we help them in any way we can. Increased research and educational outreach is the first step.

We are all facing the detrimental effects of the skyrocketing gas prices and a devastating

number of foreclosures; these families affected with cancer especially need our help. No one should have to choose between paying for medicine and paying for gas to get to a doctor's appointment.

A TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER R.E. "GENE" BROWN

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pender County Commissioner R.E. Brown of Burgaw, North Carolina, who recently passed away at the age of 85. Affectionately referred to as "Gene" by those who knew him and those he served, Commissioner Brown had been a commissioner in the town of Burgaw for over 20 years and was serving as mayor pro-tempore. As a native of southeastern North Carolina and as a public servant, he offered an unwavering service to everything he did and to everyone who knew him, and he had admirable commitment to his responsibilities as an elected official.

Truly an asset to his community, Commissioner Brown understood the people he represented and cared deeply about making a positive difference in their lives. Over his lifetime, Brown dedicated himself to both government and public service. He was a member of the U.S. Army during World War II, and afterward he served for 42 years as the postmaster in the towns of Burgaw and Wallace. He was active in several community organizations, including the Burgaw Jaycees, the Burgaw Lions, the King Solomon #138 Masonic Lodge, and was an original member of the Pender County Rescue Squad. He was chairman of the Pender Adult Services executive board. A man of faith, he was also a member of Burgaw Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. In honor of his extensive involvement and giving spirit, Brown was awarded the North Carolina Governor's Award for Volunteerism and Community Service in 2004. A father of three and grandfather of five, Brown leaves behind his wife of 57 years.

Commissioner Brown's dedication to the town of Burgaw, both as a citizen and as an elected official, is an inspiration to us all. His record of service is a strong representation of what can be accomplished through devotion to a community and its people. May God bless his family, and may we always remember the leadership and life of Commissioner Gene Brown.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING SHANE YORK FOR WINNING THE OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Shane York showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and